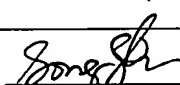


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| FORM PTO-1390<br>(REV 01-2003)   |  | U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE |  | ATTORNEY'S DOCKET NUMBER:<br>095309.55688US     |  |
| TRANSMITTAL LETTER TO THE UNITED STATES<br>DESIGNATED/ELECTED OFFICE (DO/EO/US) CONCERNING A<br>FILING UNDER 35 U.S.C. 371   |  |   |  | U.S. APPLICATION NO. (if known, see 37 CFR 1.5) |  |
|  |  |   |  | 10/517650<br><i>10/517650</i>                   |  |
| INTERNATIONAL APPLICATION NO.<br>PCT/EP03/06045  |  | INTERNATIONAL FILING DATE<br>10 June 2003               |  | PRIORITY DATE CLAIMED<br>11 June 2002           |  |
| TITLE OF INVENTION<br>HEIGHT-ADJUSTABLE LOADING BASE FOR A MOTOR VEHICLE   |  |   |  |   |  |
| APPLICANT(S) FOR DO/EO/US<br>Alexander WEILAND   |  |   |  |   |  |
| Applicant herewith submits to the United States Designated/Elected Office (DO/EO/US) the following items and other information:  |  |   |  |   |  |
| <p>1. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> This is a <b>FIRST</b> submission of items concerning a filing under 35 U.S.C. 371.</p> <p>2. <input type="checkbox"/> This is a <b>SECOND</b> or <b>SUBSEQUENT</b> submission of items concerning a filing under 35 U.S.C. 371</p> <p>3. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> This is an express request to begin national examination procedures (35 U.S.C. 371(f). The submission must include items (5), (6), (9) and (21) indicated below.</p> <p>4. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> The US has been elected (Article 31).</p> <p>5. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> A copy of the International Application as filed (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(2)).</p> <p>a. <input type="checkbox"/> is transmitted herewith (required only if not transmitted by the International Bureau).</p> <p>b. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> has been transmitted by the International Bureau</p> <p>c. <input type="checkbox"/> is not required, as the application was filed in the United States Receiving Office (RO/US)</p> <p>6. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> An English language translation of the International Application as filed (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(2)).</p> <p>a. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> is attached herewith.</p> <p>b. <input type="checkbox"/> has been previously submitted under 35 USC 154(d)(4).</p> <p>7. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Amendments to the claims of the International Application under PCT Article 19 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(3))</p> <p>a. <input type="checkbox"/> are transmitted herewith (required only if not transmitted by the International Bureau).</p> <p>b. <input type="checkbox"/> have been transmitted by the International Bureau.</p> <p>c. <input type="checkbox"/> have not been made; however, the time limit for making such amendments has NOT expired.</p> <p>d. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> have not been made and will not be made.</p> <p>8. <input type="checkbox"/> An English language translation of the amendments to the claims under PCT Article 19 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(3)).</p> <p>9. <input type="checkbox"/> An oath or declaration of the inventor(s) (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(4))</p> <p>10. <input type="checkbox"/> An English translation of the annexes to the International Preliminary Examination Report under PCT Article 36 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(5)).</p> <p><b>Item 11. to 20. below concern other document(s) or information included:</b></p> <p>11. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> An Information Disclosure Statement under 37 CFR 1.97 and 1.98.</p> <p>12. <input type="checkbox"/> An assignment document for recording. A separate cover sheet in compliance with 37 CFR 3.28 and 3.31 is included.</p> <p>13. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> A preliminary amendment.</p> <p>14. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> An Application Data Sheet under 37 CFR 1.76.</p> <p>15. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> A substitute specification.</p> <p>16. <input type="checkbox"/> A power of attorney and/or change of address letter.</p> <p>17. <input type="checkbox"/> A computer-readable form of the sequence listing in accordance with PCT Rule 13ter.2 and 37 CFR 1.821 – 1.825.</p> <p>18. <input type="checkbox"/> A second copy of the published international application under 35 USC 154(d)(4).</p> <p>19. <input type="checkbox"/> A second copy of the English language translation of the international application under 35 USC 154(d)(4)</p> <p>20. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other items or information:</p> <p>a. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PCT/IB/304</p> <p>b. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PCT/IB/308</p> <p>c. <input type="checkbox"/></p> |  |   |  |   |  |

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| <b>To Be Assigned</b>   |                     | <b>10/517650</b>   |             | <b>PCT/EP03/06045</b>  |                     |
| 21. The following fees are submitted:   |                     |  |             | <b>095309.55688US</b>  |                     |
|   |                     |  |             | <b>CALCULATIONS</b>  | <b>PTO USE ONLY</b> |
|   |                     |  |             | \$   |                     |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> a) Basic national fee .....\$300.00   |                     |  |             |  |                     |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> b) Examination fee .....\$200.00  |                     |  |             |  |                     |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> c) Search fee .....\$500.00   |                     |  |             |  |                     |
| <b>TOTAL OF ABOVE CALCULATIONS = \$1000.00</b>  |                     |  |             | <b>\$1,000.00</b>  |                     |
| Additional fee for specification and drawings filed in paper over 100 sheets (excluding sequence listing or computer program listing filed in an electronic medium). The fee is \$250 for each additional 50 sheets of paper or fraction thereof.                               |                     |  |             |  |                     |
| Total Sheets  | Extra sheets        | Number of each add'l 50 or fraction thereof (round up to a whole number) | RATE        |  |                     |
| - 100 =   | /50 =               |  | x \$250.00  | \$   |                     |
| Surcharge of \$130.00 for furnishing the oath or declaration later than 30 months from the earliest claimed priority date (37 CFR 1.492(e)).  |                     |  |             | <b>\$ 130.00</b>   |                     |
| <b>Claims</b>   | <b>Number Filed</b> | <b>Number Extra</b>  | <b>Rate</b> |  |                     |
| Total Claims  | 19 - 20 =           | 0  | X \$50.00   | \$   |                     |
| Independent Claims  | 1 - 3 =             | 0  | X \$200.00  | \$   |                     |
| MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIM(S) (if applicable)   |                     |  | + \$360.00  | \$   |                     |
| <b>TOTAL OF ABOVE CALCULATIONS =</b>  |                     |  |             | <b>\$ 1,130.00</b>   |                     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Applicant claims Small Entity Status. See 37 CFR 1.27. The fees indicated above are reduced by 1/2.  |                     |  |             | \$   |                     |
| <b>SUBTOTAL =</b>   |                     |  |             | <b>\$ 1,130.00</b>   |                     |
| Processing fee of \$130.00 for furnishing the English translation later than 30 months from the earliest claimed priority date (37 CFR 1.492(f)).   |                     |  |             | \$   |                     |
| <b>TOTAL NATIONAL FEE =</b>   |                     |  |             | <b>\$ 1,130.00</b>   |                     |
| Fee for recording the enclosed assignment (37 CFR 1.21(h)). The assignment must be accompanied by an appropriate cover sheet (37 CFR 3.28, 3.31). \$40.00 per property +  |                     |  |             | \$   |                     |
| <b>TOTAL FEE ENCLOSED =</b>   |                     |  |             | <b>\$ 1,130.00</b>   |                     |
|   |                     |  |             | <b>Amount to be:</b>   | \$                  |
|   |                     |  |             | <b>refunded</b>  | \$                  |
|   |                     |  |             | <b>Charged</b>   | \$                  |
| a. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> A check in the amount of <b>\$1,130.00</b> for the filing fee is enclosed  |                     |  |             |  |                     |
| b. <input type="checkbox"/> Please charge my Deposit Account No. <u>05-1323</u> (Attorney Docket No. <u>==</u> ) in the amount of \$_____ to cover the above fees. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.  |                     |  |             |  |                     |
| c. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional requisite fees, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. <u>05-1323</u> (Attorney Docket No. <u>095309.55688US</u> .) A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed. |                     |  |             |  |                     |
| d. <input type="checkbox"/> Fees are to be charged to a credit card. <b>WARNING:</b> Information on this form may become public. <b>Credit card information should not be included on this form.</b> Provide credit card information and authorization on PTO-2038.             |                     |  |             |  |                     |
| NOTE: Where an appropriate time limit under 37 CFR 1.494 or 1.495 has not been met, a petition to revive (37 CFR 1.137(a) or (b)) must be filed and granted to restore the application to pending status.   |                     |  |             |  |                     |
| SEND ALL CORRESPONDENCE TO:<br>Crowell & Moring, LLP<br>Intellectual Property Group<br>P.O. Box 14300<br>Washington, D.C. 20044-4300<br>Tel. No. (202) 624-2500<br>Fax No. (202) 628-8844<br>/tlm (351400)  |                     |  |             | <br><b>SIGNATURE</b><br><br>NAME: Song Zhu, Ph.D.<br>REGISTRATION NUMBER: 44,420<br>DATE: December 13, 2004 |                     |